

What is claimed is:

1. A shading decorative sheet comprising:

5 a transparent base layer having a back face and a front face opposing to the back face, which comprises a thermoplastic resin film,

a decorative layer provided on said front face of the base layer, which has a gradation pattern at least in one direction, and

10 an adhesive layer fixedly provided on said back face of the base layer,

wherein said gradation pattern comprises an opaque region having a haze of at least 30% when measured according to ASTM D 1003-00 and a transparent region, and a ratio of the areas of the two regions is changed at least in one direction.

2. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1, wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting of the opaque region, a part consisting of the opaque region having a plurality of discrete transparent regions, a part consisting of the transparent region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions, and a part consisting of the transparent region.

3. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting
of the opaque region, a part consisting of the opaque region
having a plurality of discrete transparent regions, and a
5 part consisting of the transparent region.

4. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting
of the opaque region, a part consisting of the transparent
10 region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions, and a
part consisting of the transparent region.

5. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting
15 of the opaque region, a part consisting of the opaque region
having a plurality of discrete transparent regions, and a
part consisting of the transparent region having a plurality
of discrete opaque regions.

20 6. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting
of the opaque region having a plurality of discrete
transparent regions, a part consisting of the transparent
region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions, and a
25 part consisting of the transparent region.

7. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting
of the opaque region having a plurality of discrete
transparent regions, and a part consisting of the
5 transparent region having a plurality of discrete opaque
regions.

8. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein a boundary between a recognizable part and a non-
10 recognizable part is determined by a shielding area S (%)
which is defined by the following formula (1):

$$S (\%) = [S_1(\text{cm}^2)/100(\text{cm}^2)] \times 100 \quad (1)$$

wherein S_1 is a total area (cm^2) of the opaque region(s) in
an area of 10 cm x 10 cm.